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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above identified new patent application:
  - 1) Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Letter
  - 2) Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 Form
  - 3) Return Receipt Postcard
  - 4) Copies of IDS Citations for 09/270,967 (3 documents)
2. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES:** Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231-9999, on this 17th day of August, 2000.

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#### FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies of the references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular,



no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103, nor is this submission to be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

### CITED REFERENCES

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### Certificate Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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